

DISEASE DECIMATES FIREMEN'S RANKS

Supporters of Two-Platoon Bill Prepare from Department Records Startling Statistics to Present to Mayor McClellan

PICK TUBERCULOSIS VICTIMS

Frederick H. Cowles, Millionaire's Son, Declares Illness Due to Rigorous Tour of Duty Imposed by Present System.

The earnest supporters of the Two-Platoon bill for the firemen have compiled a brief statement of statistics of the Fire Department which will be presented to Mayor McClellan in support of the measure as soon as it comes down from Albany for his signature. These statistics, which will be presented to His Honor by Frederick H. Cowles, a millionaire's son who has been "burnt" since he was a boy, speak eloquently of the ravages of disease and sickness in the department, alleged to be due to the rigorous tour of duty the men are now compelled to undergo. These statistics, taken from the records of a year of the New York Fire Department, show that in that year the percentage of deaths to heart disease, consumption, pneumonia and Bright's disease was 72 as compared with 38 per cent. for other causes.

Death Takes Sturdy Men.
Of the men who died from these causes, all of whom were picked men who had passed a most drastic physical examination, 25 per cent. had served less than five years, 38 per cent. less than fifteen years. These figures are for the New York fire-fighters. In Brooklyn 26 per cent. had served less than five years, 50 per cent. less than ten years and 66 per cent. less than fifteen years.

This remarkable percentage of deaths of picked men from such causes is shared by physicians who have studied the subject to be due entirely to the terrible strain of continuous service for twenty-four hours out of twenty-four each day and the consequent hopeless irregularity in the habits of living which only a two-platoon system can remedy.

Much Time Lost by Sickness.
In one year the percentage of deaths from sickness was ninety-three as compared with 7 per cent. due to injuries. In one year there retired from the Fire Department after twenty years of service only eleven men in New York and six men in Brooklyn. There are now only 34 men on the retired list.

The following statistics are offered to show that the present system is an awful drain upon the resources of the city. In New York and Brooklyn there are 2,392 firemen. Out of this number there were lost by sickness and accident the following number of days:
New York, 6,853; Brooklyn, 4,089 through sickness. New York, 3,456; Brooklyn, 3,272, due to injuries. The total number of days lost by sickness is 10,942, through injuries 6,728, a grand total of 17,670 days. Sixty per cent. of these days were lost through sickness and 40 per cent. through injuries.

CALLS NEW YORK "ROTTEN."

Asheville Clergyman Says This City Is the Worst on Earth.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 23.—"Every body knows that New York is the rottenest place on earth."

With these words the Rev. W. H. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, startled the members of his congregation and incensed two or three New York visitors who were present at the regular services Sunday night.

Mr. Vines is waging a violent crusade against the city officials. He arraigned the Mayor and board of Aldermen for permitting poolrooms and gambling houses to operate in this city. "Asheville," he said, "allows something that even New York City will not tolerate. If a city such as that refuses to allow poolrooms to operate it has come out a pretty poor if Asheville, for the miserable sum of \$50, allows our young manhood to be corrupted by this gambling institution."

They Will All Use WORLD WANTS By-and-By.

THERE ARE
1,190 Paid Help Wants in this morning's WORLD, but
290 Paid Help Wants in the 13 other New York papers combined.

Nearly 5 Times as Many
in THE WORLD Alone.

AGENTS.....10	JANITORS.....10
ARTIFICIAL.....10	KITCHENWORK.....16
BAKERS.....10	LAUNDRY.....2
BARBERS.....10	MEN WANTS.....12
BLACKSMITHS.....10	MILLINERS.....42
BONNARS.....10	MILKMAID.....2
BOOKBINDERS.....11	NECKWEAR.....15
BOYS.....103	NURSES.....32
BRADERS.....6	OPERATORS.....90
BUTCHERS.....30	OSTRICH.....5
CANVASERS.....5	FEATHER HDS.....8
CASHIERS.....8	PAINTERS.....8
CHAMBERMAIDS.....25	PLUMBERS.....14
CLERKS.....4	PORTERS.....12
COMPOSITORS.....12	PRESSERS.....15
COOKS.....29	SALES LADIES.....11
CUTTERS.....12	SALADMAKERS.....12
GENTLEMEN.....12	SEAMSTRESSES.....6
GISHWAGERS.....20	SOLICITORS.....5
HAIRDRESSERS.....2	STABLEMEN.....2
HOUSEMAKERS.....23	STENOGRAPHERS.....25
DRIVERS.....23	TAILORS.....25
DRUG CLERKS.....17	TRIMMERS.....2
ERRAND BOYS.....9	TUCKERS.....3
AND GIRLS.....9	USEFUL MEN.....5
EMP. AGENCIES.....9	WAITERS.....18
FEEDERS.....10	WAITRESSES.....28
FINISHERS.....4	WINDMILL.....47
FIREMEN.....3	CLEANERS.....4
GROOMS.....47	MISCELLANEOUS.....102
HOUSEWIVES.....118	
IMPROVERS.....4	TOTAL.....1,190
IRONERS.....4	

THREW DETECTIVE DOWN THE STAIRS

Sleuth Tried to Enter Gansevoort Club Thinking It Was a Pool-Room — Alleged Assault Discharged.

Joseph Wilson, thirty-five years old, of No. 52 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, was arraigned before Magistrate Flamminger in the Harlem Court today charged with interfering with Detective Zimmerman of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station. The detective says Wilson threw him downstairs when he tried to push his way into what he thought was a pool-room.

Capt. McGlynn, of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station, detailed Zimmerman to watch the Gansevoort Club, at No. 25 West One Hundred and Twenty-second street, as he thought it was a pool-room. The detective was watching the place yesterday, and when he saw Wilson and several men enter he tried to push his way in after them. He got to the top of the stairway when Wilson seized him, he said, and threw him down to the street landing. He arrested Wilson.

Zimmerman told the Court he thought the place was a pool-room because a man told him he had placed a bet in there. Magistrate Flamminger said he thought that and discharged the prisoner.

TURFMAN MAKING FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE

Thomas D. Reilly, President of Queens County Jockey Club, Is Likely to Recover from Attack of Pneumonia.

Thomas D. Reilly, President of the Queens County Jockey Club, is making a fight for his life against pneumonia today, and it is believed by his physicians and nurses that he will win. Up to a late hour yesterday his life was despaired of, but a slight change for the better has encouraged those attending him, and his recovery is now looked upon as a certainty.

Mr. Reilly is being cared for by his brother and two sisters at his home, No. 143 East Nineteenth street. He was born fifty-two years ago in a house that stood on the ground occupied by his present home. He was long interested in Turfman politics and obtained the controlling interest in the Aqueduct track in 1894.

DEAD FROM COASTING.
William Smith, of Columbia street, West Brighton, S. L., one of five young men injured while coasting on the Brooklyn avenue hill at West Brighton five weeks ago, died yesterday in St. Vincent's Hospital at Livingston. Smith broke his left kneecap. An amputation became necessary because of blood poisoning, and death followed.

WHITE HOUSE CRANK ONCE BROKE SKULL

Chicago Uncle of Edward Relgar Says He Fell from Train Several Years Ago and Has Since Been Unbalanced.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Edward Relgar, whose persistent efforts to see President Roosevelt in Washington resulted in his arrest at the White House, is known here. P. S. Whiting, of No. 73 Florence avenue, says the man is his nephew, and that Relgar's mania is based on his notion that people's names should be changed to indicate their trade or profession.

Mr. Whiting said Relgar was the name his nephew, Frank Coe, frequently assumed, under the delusion that he was another individual. Mr. Whiting asserts that his nephew killed his wife and attempted to kill himself a few years ago. According to Mr. Whiting, his nephew has been suffering from mental trouble the result of a fall sustained four years ago, when on his way from Pullman, where he worked in the car shops, to his home at Lima, O. Coe had fallen asleep in the smoker, and, being a somnambulist, walked out of the car and was found unconscious by a switchman. In his fall he struck his head against a switch, fracturing his skull.

FRIENDLESS MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Without Revealing His Identity to the World, He Leaves a Note Asking to Be Buried in the Potter's Field.

"Please bury my unfortunate body in Potter's Field, because I have not got a friend in the world."

Such was the pathetic message left by a friendless man whose body was found by some boys near the old Way-erly Club-house, near Yonkers. It was lying under an old shed, which had been partly blown down. A revolver lying by his side and a bullet wound in the breast told the story of his death. The note was found in the pocket of his coat. The man was well dressed and apparently twenty-eight years of age. He was 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds. The face was clean shaven, and there were scars on both cheeks similar to those worn by Heidelberg students. In his pockets were \$1.17 in money and a solitary diamond ring. A pin of the Patriotic Sons of America was found on the inside of the coat. The revolver bore the initials of A. N. V. The body was taken to Harvey's morgue.

HOMICIDE'S STORE BURNED.
DINGESS, N. Y., Feb. 23.—John Stepp, a wealthy merchant near here, shot and killed Elmer Brewer, a wealthy farmer and neighbor. Two hours after the murder a torch was applied to Stepp's large store and it was consumed. Stepp's home was also fired, but it was saved from destruction. Stepp is in hiding.

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THE last Wednesday of every month at The Big Store is always a day of extraordinary interest and phenomenal activity.

Thousands of people come from all parts of Greater New York and surrounding territory to take prompt advantage of the opportunity to obtain **One Dollar's Worth of Sperry & Hutchinson's Green Trading Stamps Free.** The handsome Premium Parlor on the Fifth Floor is crowded from the time the Store opens until the closing gong is sounded. The scene presented is not duplicated anywhere else in the world. It is absolutely unparalleled.

"I never miss a Red Letter Day," said an energetic woman as she bustled into the Premium Parlor last month. "Every dollar's worth helps to fill your book the more quickly."

It is easy. You simply take the "S. & H." Green Trading Stamp Book, to the Fifth Floor and present it to one of the attendants in the Premium Parlor, who will hand you one dollar's worth of "S. & H." Green Trading Stamps. These are given in addition to the Stamps which regularly accompany any purchases you may make.

Double "S. & H." Green Trading Stamps Mornings this Week from 8:30 to 12 o'clock—Thereafter, Single Stamps Until Closing Hour.

Piano and Song Recital.

An exceptionally interesting Recital will be held in the Auditorium of the Piano Store, Fifth Floor, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Program as follows:
1. Waltz (Op. 24, No. 1), Moszkowski. With the aid of the Pianist.
2. An Open Secret (Soprano Solo).....Woodman.
3. Quest (Baritone Solo).....Smith.
4. Aria-Nadecchia (Contralto Solo).....Dorine-Horhan.
5. Scherzo Brillante (The Wollenhaupt). With the aid of the Pianist.
6. Nur Wer die Sehnsucht Kennt (Baritone Solo).....Fischer.
7. Open Thy Blue Eyes (Soprano Solo).....Massenet.
8. Sunset (Contralto Solo).....Buck.
9. Badinage (Soprano Solo).....Herbert.
10. Whirl Whirl My Lavender (Soprano Solo).....Garnan.
11. Years at the Spring (Contralto Solo).....Beach.
12. Sigh No More, Ladies (Baritone Solo).....Fisher.
Miss A. Doris Ward at the piano.

Fancy Shell Combs, Handsome Shapes and Designs.

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75c.	Genuine Shell Side COMBS; extra long.	2.00	Imitation Shell or Amber Empire Barrette Side COMBS, Tuck Combs; plain, gold-bead studded.
98c.	Imitation Shell or Amber Empire or Chignon COMBS, Barrette Combs, Side Combs, Tuck Combs, extra heavy quill top; plain or fluted teeth.	2.25	Shell Combs. Genuine Shell High-Back COMBS; heavy, plain and fancy designs. (Main Floor, Front, 18th St.)

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Special Reductions for Red Letter Day.

SAINT JULIEN, Imported from Armand & Co., Bordeaux, France; case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	IMPERIAL PORT, Sherry and Tokay; per gal., 1.75.
PONNET CANET, Imported from Armand & Co., Bordeaux, France; case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	OLD CHAMPAGNE, ANGELICA and TREADMILL RYE, 10 years old; unaged, full quality and flavor; per gal., 1.25.
NIESENSTEINER, Imported from Burckhardt & Sohne, Delsheim a. R.; case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	IMPERIAL BALTIC RYE; per gal., 1.25.
HOCKEIMER, Imported from Burckhardt & Sohne, Delsheim a. R.; case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	MOUNT VERNON RYE; 8 years old; per gal., 1.25.
SAUTERNES, Imported from Ch. Fournier & Co., Bordeaux, France; case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	OLD CHAMPAGNE, ANGELICA and TREADMILL RYE, 10 years old; unaged, full quality and flavor; per gal., 1.25.
HAUT SAUTERNES, Imported from Ch. Fournier & Co., Bordeaux, France; case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	QUEEN OF SCOTS WHISKY, 15 years old; per case, 14.00; per bottle, 1.00.
MEDOC TAILLE CLARET, very choice, pure wine, case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	ROYAL SCOTCH WHISKY, 10 years old; per case, 10.00; per bottle, 1.00.
SAINT MACAIRE BURGUNDY, fine quality and well aged; case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	CHERRIES IN MARSALINO, very special reduction to, per bottle, 50c.
CABINET FINEST, select, dry, domestic Rhine wine; case 12 quarts, \$1.75.	CREME DE MENTHE, best domestic; per case, 7.00; per bottle, 40c.

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